

NASA: Gwendolyn Sykes, Chief Financial Officer; Robert Cobb, Inspector General; and Patrick Ciganer, Program Executive Officer, Integrated Enterprise Management; and Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audit and Special Investigations, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—GULF COAST REBUILDING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Rebuilding Highway and Transit Infrastructure on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina—State and Local Officials. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the State of Louisiana: Johnny B. Bradley, Secretary, Department of Transportation and Development; and William Deville, General Manager, Regional Transit Authority, New Orleans; the following officials of the Department of Transportation, State of Mississippi: Dick Hall, Central District Commissioner; and Wayne H. Brown, Southern District Commissioner; and Don Vaughn, Chief Engineer, Department of Transportation, State of Alabama.

OVERSIGHT—HURRICANE AND FLOOD RISK REDUCTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Reducing Hurricane and Flood Risk in the Nation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NYC TERRORISM THREAT REPORTING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on New York City Terrorism Threat Reporting. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled “Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the Department of Defense, the Coast Guard, and the National Guard of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command; LTG H. Steven Blum,

USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; MG Bennett C. Landreneau, USA, The Adjutant General, State of Louisiana; MG Harold A. Cross, USA, The Adjutant General, State of Mississippi; and MG C. Mark Bowen, USA, The Adjutant General, State of Alabama; and RADM R. Dennis Sirois, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others. Signed on October 26, 2005. (Public Law 109–92)

S. 55, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado. Signed on October 26, 2005. (Public Law 109–93)

S. 156, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia. Signed on October 26, 2005. (Public Law 109–94)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider reconciliation instructions pursuant to the Conference Report to accompany H. Con. Res. 65, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue mark up of amendments to the Family Education Reimbursement Act of 2005 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Justice for All: An Examination of the District of Columbia Juvenile Justice System.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, October 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, October 28

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of Conference Report on H.R. 2744—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (subject to a rule) and possible consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2419—Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (subject to a rule).

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